

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary, thinly disguised as a news "special", days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

This is a flagrant abuse of the privilege granted to Sinclair to use the public airwaves free of charge, and a most egregious flouting of the principles they are supposedly bound to follow and in serving the public interest.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.